GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CRITERIA FOR OPENING OF L.P.G. AGENCY PETROLEUM PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the minimum criteria for opening L.P.G. agency/Petrol pump/kerosene oil depot as prescribed by various oil companies;

(b): the district-wise details of the L.P.G. agencies/Petrol pumps/Kerosene oil depots sanctioned/proposed/surveyed for in Bihar;

(c): the reasons for not calling the persons for interview for sanctioning LPG agency/petrol pump after submitting the applications by them at many places in Bihar during the last one year; and

(d): the time by which more applications proposed to be sought for allotment of LPG agencies/petrol pumps/kerosene oil depots at the remaining surveyed/proposed places in Bihar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): As per the existing policy, the following criteria are adopted for setting up economically viable LPGdistributorships in different parts of the country including small towns and villages:

(i) All urban locations with a population of 10,000 and above by including potential of adjoining villages falling within the radius of 15 Kms.

(ii) Urban locations having population of 5,000 and above taking into account the potential of adjoining villages falling within 15 Kms radius.

(iii) Cluster of villages within 15 Kms radius of nucleus villages having a population of 10,000 and above.

(iv) Villages within 15 Kms radius around towns having population of 1 lakh and above.

The criteria for setting up of Retail Outlet dealerships and SKO-LDO dealerships are based on Volume-Distance Norms.

(b): As on 1.4.2000, there were 231 LPG distributorships, 1160 retail outlets (RO) dealerships and 431 SKO-LDO dealerships respectively in various districts of Bihar.

In addition to the locations pending from the previous Marketing Plans, 105, 102 and 18 locations respectively have been included in the LPG, RO and SKO-LDO Marketing Plans 1996-98 for the State of Bihar.

(c): The selection of dealers/distributors for some of the locations could not take place owing to the non-functioning of the Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs) on account of the announcement of General Elections 1999 and the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct and the dissolution of these Boards subsequently. Now, 57 new DSBs have been set up, which include 7 for Bihar, for early selection of dealers/distributors.

(d): The locations included in the Marketing Plan are advertised by the oil companies and selection of dealers/distributors are made through interviews by the Dealer Selection Boards as per procedure.It generally takes about 6-12 months for commissioning of the dealerships/distributorships from the date of interview.